

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE and amendment filed 3/22/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6,7,9,10,12,13,15,16 and 18.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Reasons for Allowance

1. The RCE and amendment filed 3/22/05 have been entered.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The amendment, especially in view of applicant's remarks, filed 3/22/05 places the application into condition for allowance by adding to all of the independent claims the features that the plurality of links are provided on a launchpad, with each link associated with one of the plurality of wizards, and such that the first visual object on the launchpad is a separate entity than the link associated with the wizard and providing information pertaining to a task performed by the corresponding wizard. The corresponding wizard then is selected according to its associated link and then comprises a second visual object associated with the first object and giving more information about the same task, by the specific corresponding wizard of the plurality of wizards. The features as combined are not set forth in the prior art of record. It is noted that Boegner et al come close by showing the plurality of wizards on the launchpad with visual objects indicating information for the wizards respectively, but this does not show all the features of the present invention as now claimed. Furthermore, Boegner et al would be excluded from a possible 103 rejection as it has the same assignee as the present invention. And double patenting would not apply, including for the reasons that the claims of Boegner et al do not teach the same features, and in fact could teach away from the current

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claims, of the present invention. Thus the claims of the present invention are in condition for allowance.

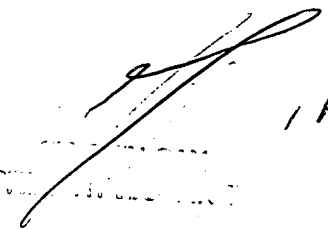
Independent claims: 1 amended – method for interfacing with a plurality of wizards in a computer system as described above. 4 amended – method as in claim 1 with also a plurality of launchpads. 7 amended - method as in claim 1 with also a plurality of launchpads and menu. 10 amended – computer readable medium as in claim 1 amended. 13 amended – computer readable medium as in claim 4 amended. Claim 16 amended – computer readable medium as in claim 7 amended. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P Sax whose telephone number is (571) 272-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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